Loss in Rs. crores

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
FCI	168.90	163.90	170.33 (provisional)
HFC	156.38	169.14	228.76 (provisional)
PDIL	9.52	19.08	12.29 (provisional)
PPL	12.02 (profit)	37.29	30.80 (provisional)

(d) FCI incurred losses exceeding Rs. 100 crores per year during 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1985-86 onwards.

(e) The total cummulative loss of FCI is Rs. 1387.35 crores (including the provisional loss for 1990-91).

[Translation]

Capacity of Ranchi and Patna Doordarshan Kendras

3130. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the capacity of Ranchi and Patna Doordarshan Kendras;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the capacity of the kendras is likely to be increased?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) High power (10 KW) TV transmitters are in operation, one each at Patna and Ranchi and there is no proposal to augment their radiating power. However, plans have been made to augment the existing programme production capacity at both these places.

(c) While a permanent TV studio Centre at Patna, in replacement of the existing interim set-up, has been planned to be commissioned into service during 1993-94, the lead time required for augmentation of the existing limited programme production facility at Ranchi is about 3½ years after the scheme is formally approved by the Government.

Public Sector Undertakings in Bihar

3131. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up industries in the Public sector in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) There is a proposal to set up an Uranium Oxide Fuel Plant of the capacity of 670 tonnes per annum at a cost of Rs. 170 crores (at 1989 prices) at Turamdih by the Uranium Corporation of India Limited.

[English]

Atomic Power Plant at Midnapore

3132. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to set up an Atomic Power Plant in Midnapore Distt., West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) There is no proposal at present under consideration of the Government to set up an atomic power plant at Midnapore, Distt., West Bengal. Due to availability of coal reserves in the Eastern Electricity Region, of which West Bengal is a part, priority for setting up nuclear power plants in that region is relatively low.

Eatable Counters to be run by Super Bazar

3133. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Super Bazar proposes to run eatable counters and to make available to the consumers items of daily need at reasonable rates at 'no profit no loss' basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the items of daily need are generally not available through its branch stores invariably and these remain out of stock for days together;

(d) if so, whether any assessment of the situation has been made in regard to the above to ensure that the Super Bazar takes on only the ventures for which it was created; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The Super Bazar is already selling consumer eatable items such as bread, butter, eggs, jams, pulses, spices, biscuits, potato chips, ghee and oils and other items of daily need at reasonable rates through its Grocery and Frozen Food Departments. It is also selling fresh fruit juice and soft drinks from its Connaught Place branch.

(c) No, Sir. Super Bazar endeavours to maintain the supply line of items of daily need as far as possible. Sometime one or other item may not be available at one outlet or the other as it becomes difficult at times to maintain such supplies due to various reasons such as, short supply, non-availability of items with the source of procurement i.e. manufacturers/distributors or certain unavoidable administrative reasons.

(d) and (e) Super Bazar has been able to exercise a healthy effect in controlling the market price which is one of the main objectives for which it has been set up. Super Bazar has recently established a Control Room in the Headquarters building where the stock-out' positions are collected from all its outlets and efforts are made to provide the branches the required items as far as possible. A weekly meeting of Senior Officers connected with procurement and sale is held regularly where position relating to stock-out items and their procurement is reviewed.